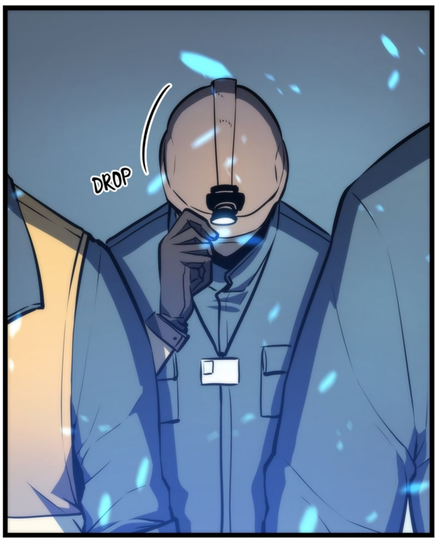
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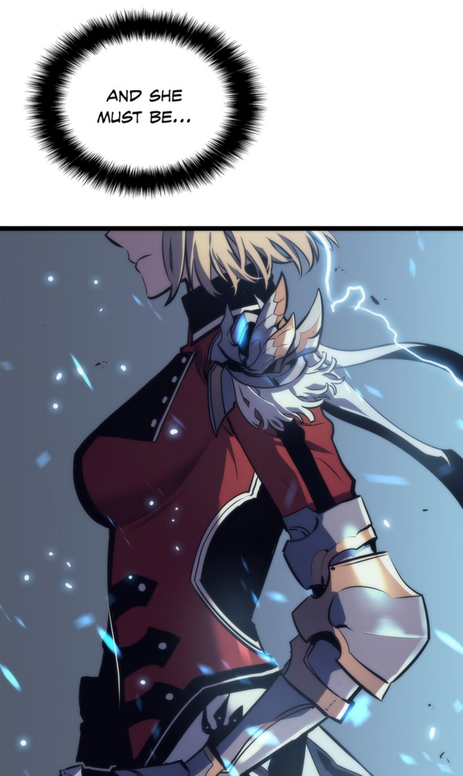
THERE COMES THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND.


AND SHE MUST BE...

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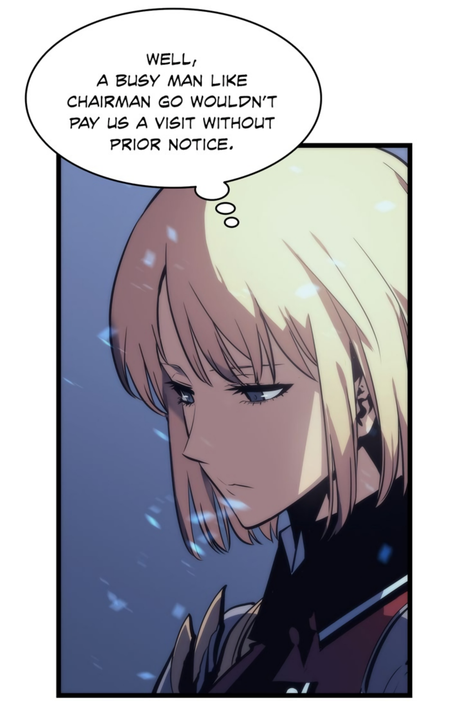
I WONDER HOW MANY WOMEN IN THE WORLD HAVE A PRESENCE AS IMPRESSIVE AS HERS?
SHE'S PROBABLY AS STRONG AS CHOI JONG-IN.
POSSIBLY EVEN STRONGER.

MAYBE SHE'S ON A SIMILAR LEVEL AS CHAIRMAN GO.

FLINCH

WHAT WAS THAT?
I FELT A STRONG PRESENCE JUST NOW...

WAS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION?
FOR A SECOND, I THOUGHT CHAIRMAN GO WAS HERE...
...BUT THERE'S NO TRACE OF IT NOW.


WELL, A BUSY MAN LIKE CHAIRMAN GO WOULDN'T PAY US A VISIT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

UGH!
HER SENSES ARE SHARPER THAN I EXPECTED.
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE. IT'S OUR TURN NOW! LET'S GET CRACKIN'!

THE INTERIOR OF AN A-RANK GATE IS ENORMOUS.

A GATE'S RANK IS MEASURED BY THE MANA WAVES THAT ARE EMITTED FROM THE GATE, NOT BY THE RANKS OF THE MAGIC BEASTS FOUND INSIDE.

BECAUSE AN A-RANK GATE EMITS LARGE AMOUNTS OF MANA WAVES, ITS SIZE IS ALSO CONSEQUENTLY LARGE.

THIS MEANS THE TWO FACTORS THAT RAISE A GATE'S RANK ARE ITS SIZE AND MANA LEVELS.

WHILE LARGE NUMBERS OF LOW-RANKING MAGIC BEASTS CAN INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MANA WAVES THAT ARE EMITTED BY THE GATE,

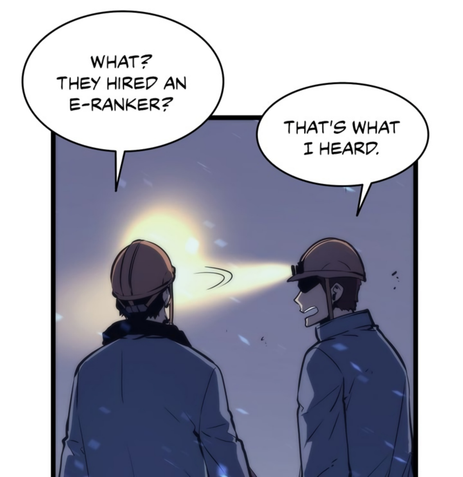
THEIR MANA LEVELS AREN'T HIGH ENOUGH FOR AN A-RANK GATE.

A LOT OF LOW-RANKING BEASTS MIGHT BE FOUND INSIDE A B-RANK GATE, BUT NOT AN A-RANK GATE. IT'S FULL OF HIGH-RANKING BEASTS.

I FEEL A GUST OF WIND COMING FROM THE DUNGEON...

WHOOSH
NO, THIS ISN'T WIND.
THEY'RE MANA WAVES...
...BEING EMITTED BY THE BOSS.

DID YOU HEAR?
THE NEW GUY IS AN E-RANKER.


WHAT? THEY HIRED AN E-RANKER?
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.

WHAT THE HELL WAS THE TEAM LEADER THINKING?
DOES AN E-RANKER EVEN HAVE THE STRENGTH TO DO ANYTHING?
EXACTLY.
I'M NOT SURE IF WE'RE GONNA BE ABLE TO FINISH TODAY'S WORK IN TIME.
WHISPER
WHISPER
I SEE E-RANK HUNTERS ARE NEVER WELCOME ANYWHERE.
WELL, I WON'T BE STICKING AROUND FOR LONG ANYWAY...

HEY, MAN! GET A MOVE ON!
SHOVE

THE PATH IS NARROW. STOP BLOCKING THE...

GLARE

N, NEVER MIND...
D, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...

THE HAULING TEAM MEMBERS ENTERED THE DUNGEON BEFORE THE MINING TEAM, AND ARE ALREADY HARD AT WORK.

THE STRIKE SQUAD ENTERS THE DUNGEON FIRST AND DEFEATS ALL THE BEASTS, EXCEPT FOR THE BOSS.
AFTER THAT, THE HAULING TEAM GATHERS UP THE CORPSES OF THE BEASTS.
THEN FINALLY, THE MINING TEAM MINES THE CRYSTALS.
IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE PROFITS, NONE OF THESE STEPS CAN BE SKIPPED.

IN ADDITION TO ESSENCE STONES AND MANA CRYSTALS,
THE CORPSES OF HIGH-RANKING BEASTS ARE ALSO VALUABLE BECAUSE THEY CAN BE USED FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF PURPOSES.
BONES, LEATHER, MEAT, ETC.
ALL THEIR PARTS CAN BE USED FOR SOMETHING.

THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEASTS FOUND INSIDE A LOW-RANK DUNGEON AND BEASTS FOUND INSIDE A HIGH-RANK DUNGEON.

EVEN THE CORPSE OF A BEAST IS WORTH MONEY, HUH...?

ONCE EVERYTHING OF VALUE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE DUNGEON,

THE BOSS IS DEFEATED AND THE GATE IS CLOSED.

ZZZT

ALL OF THESE STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO SAY THAT A HIGH-RANK DUNGEON HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CLEARED.

YOU MUST BE A LITTLE TAKEN ABACK, SINCE THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME INSIDE AN A-RANK GATE.

YES, THE BEASTS ARE MUCH BIGGER THAN I EXPECTED.

EVEN THOUGH THE STRIKE SQUAD HAS TAKEN OUT ALL THE MAGIC BEASTS, ISN'T THE BOSS STILL ALIVE?
THAT'S RIGHT, SINCE THE GATE CLOSES ONCE THE BOSS IS KILLED.

THE BOSS CAN'T BE DEFEATED UNTIL ALL OF THE HAULING AND MINING WORK IS DONE.
WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BOSS COMES RUNNING OUT OF ITS LAIR?
THAT RARELY EVER HAPPENS, BUT...

...IF IT DOES, EVERYONE LEFT INSIDE THE DUNGEON WOULD PROBABLY DIE.

THE TERRIFYING CREATURE MIGHT BE RIGHT BEHIND US. AREN'T YOU SCARED?
NOT AT ALL.
I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THE HUNTERS GUILD FOR THREE YEARS NOW. NOTHING LIKE THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED.
I GUESS IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

IT'S STRONGER THAN VULCAN OR METUS.

I'M IMPRESSED THAT CHOI JONG-IN AND CHA HAE-IN ARE GOING TO TAKE ON SUCH A DEADLY MONSTER,

BUT I'M ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE A-RANK RAID TEAM AS WELL. DESPITE THEIR LOWER RANKS, THEY EACH SERVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

THAT'S PROBABLY WHY THEY'RE ABLE TO SAFELY CARRY OUT RAIDS.

TOGETHER, THEY MAKE A STRONG TEAM. IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE MADE UP OF STRONG HUNTERS. THEIR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE COME FROM YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

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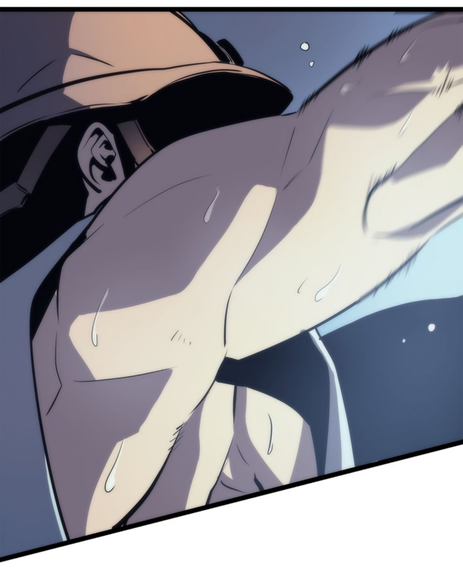


UH, DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WAS HIS FIRST DAY ON THE JOB?
...I DID.

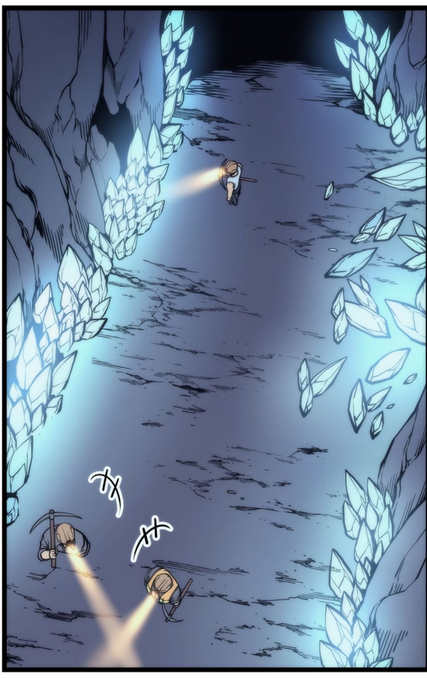
IS HE REALLY AN E-RANKER?
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A ROOKIE AT ALL.
I MADE SURE TO CHECK HIS LICENSE.
YOU THINK I'D HIRE A HUNTER I'VE NEVER MET BEFORE WITHOUT CHECKING THEIR ID FIRST?

CLANG
THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?
CLANK
...

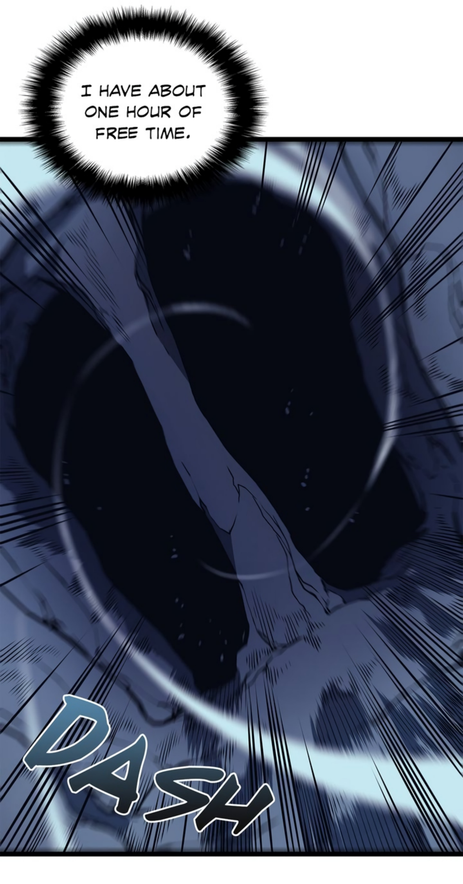
CLEARLY... SUNG WAS BORN TO BE A MINER.
CLANK
CLANG
I'VE ALWAYS HAD AN EYE FOR TALENT, YOU KNOW.

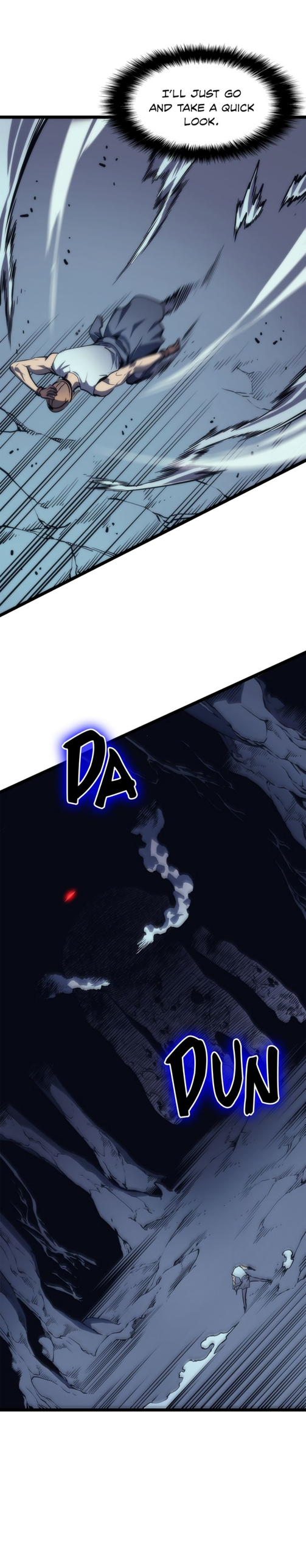
LUNCH TIME!
LET'S GO EAT.
YES, SIR!

SUNG, YOU COMING OR NOT?
I'M GOOD. I ATE BEFORE COMING HERE.
OH, THEN SUIT YOURSELF.



FINALLY,
I'M ALONE.
KTUNK
I CAN'T
LET THIS PRECIOUS
OPPORTUNITY GO
TO WASTE.


I HAVE ABOUT
ONE HOUR OF
FREE TIME.
DASH


I'LL JUST GO AND TAKE A QUICK LOOK.
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DUN

IS THAT A GIANT?

I CAN TELL IT'S STRONG. MUCH STRONGER THAN METUS.

I KNOW I'LL BE ABLE TO...

ZZZZ+
...TAKE IT ON, BUT...
...I ALSO KNOW THAT I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT THE BOSS.
SHOULD I JUST GO FOR IT...?
THE SECOND I DO, THE GATE WILL CLOSE AND THE HUNTERS GUILD WILL SUFFER HUGE LOSSES.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING OVER
THERE?

To Be Continued...

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